

# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

August 16, 2013

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from August 09, 2013 – August 15, 2013. Readers are reminded that an "arrest" is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court's website.

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## **INCIDENTS**

Petit Larceny 13-8078 1000 Block Desale Street, SW Between July 31 at 9:00 a.m. and August 08 at 10:10 p.m.

A resident reported that an unknown person removed her vehicle's front license plate.

Grand Larceny 13-8150 1000 Block Maple Avenue, East Between August 01 at 8:00 a.m. and August 11 at 10:27 a.m.

The owner of a residence advised the house was empty and scheduled to be razed. He went to check on the property and found that six patio chairs had been stolen from the backyard.

Telephone Case 13-8265 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE

#### Between August 01 at 6:00 p.m. and August 14 at 9:00 a.m.

A resident reported that his wife was being harassed by a former roommate.

MPO Simon responded and found that the couple had already changed their phone numbers and ceased contact with the former roommate.

This case is being investigated.

Petit Larceny 13-8104 700 Block Ware Street, SW

Between August 02 at 5:00 p.m. and August 03 at 7:00 a.m.

A resident reported that her cell phone and its charger had been stolen from her vehicle.

Suspicious Person 13-8097 1400 Block Cottage Street, SW August 08 8:30 p.m.

A resident reported that she was at home when a suspicious male knocked on her door. The man stated that he was soliciting for a fundraiser with James Madison High School.

The next day, the woman contacted the school and asked if they had any fundraisers going on. The school advised that they did not.

Arrest – Disorderly Conduct 13-8080 Danor Plaza 123 Branch Road, SE August 08 10:57 p.m.

PFC Vazquez responded to the parking lot for a citizen requesting help for removing a man from her vehicle. The citizen reported that she had allowed her friend to borrow her vehicle. When she contacted her friend to ask that she return the vehicle, the friend returned with a man that the citizen did not know. The friend had promised this man a ride home.

The citizen asked the man to leave and the man refused. The citizen was able to convince the man to exit the vehicle under the guise of picking him up down the road. She attempted to drive off in the other direction, but the man gave chase and jumped back in the vehicle through an open window.

PFC Vazquez attempted to speak with the man, but the man was belligerent. The man was given several opportunities to calm down, but he did not comply with the officer's orders.

Mr. Lawrence Johnson, 26, of Kings Chapel Road in Falls Church, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct. He was taken to the Fairfax County Detention Center and held on a \$500 secured bond.

#### Suspicious Person 13-8164 Vienna Police Department 215 Center Street, South August 08 11:00 p.m.

Officer Holcombe observed a man in the police cruiser parking lot. As she opened the door to exit the building, the man entered the police station and made statements that "they" were listening to his thoughts. The man believed that the police had the technology to stop the frequency that could read his mind.

Officer Holcombe was able to calm the man down. He returned home without incident.

Suspicious Event 13-8081 Evolution Gym 216 Dominion Road, NE August 08 11:36 p.m.

A member of the gym reported that, while he was showering after a workout, employees closed the gym for the night and left.

The gym member unlocked the front door to leave the building, but reported the incident to police so that employees could be notified to return and secure the building.

Domestic Dispute 13-8082 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE August 09 12:57 a.m.

A resident reported that she and her intoxicated husband were arguing about their marriage and household chores when her husband became angry and began to throw things off the balcony.

PFC Lyons responded and determined the fight was solely argumentative in nature and did not become physical. Both parties agreed to separate for the night.

Unlawful Entry 13-8124 Vienna Aquatic Club 625 Marshall Road, SW

Between August 09 at 9:00 p.m. and August 10 at 10:00 a.m.

An employee reported that an unknown person had thrown lawn chairs and a ping pong table into the pool some time during the night.

**Arrest - Trespassing 13-8127** 

Pizza Hut

541 Maple Avenue, West

August 10 1:45 p.m.

MPO Evans responded to the area for a man sleeping against the building. The manager of Pizza Hut requested that the man be trespassed from the business.

MPO Evans spoke to the man but he refused to leave and refused to provide any identification to officers.

MPO Evans arrested Mr. Marc Marozsan, 40, of no fixed address, for trespassing. He was taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and held on a \$500 secured bond.

Police Service 13-8149

300 Block Tapawingo Road, SE

August 11 10:04 a.m.

A resident found her vehicle had been written on. Upon investigation, Officer Kiley found that the neighbors had a high school graduation party.

The adult at the neighboring residence advised the kids had mistaken the complainant's vehicle for one of theirs.

Found Property 13-8152 Glyndon Park 300 Glyndon Street, NE

August 11 12:08 p.m.

A citizen reported a bicycle had been left in the park for two weeks. Officer Kiley responded and took possession of the abandoned bicycle.

The bicycle will be held at the Vienna Police station until the owner can be identified.

**Larceny 13-8224** 

1000 Block Pickett Place, SW

Between August 11 at 7:00 p.m. and August 13 at 5:30 p.m.

A resident reported that a decorative slate shingle with the word "Welcome" had been stolen from her porch.

**Domestic Assault 13-8158** 

300 Block Branch Road, SE

August 11 8:48 p.m.

A resident responded to the police station to report that her husband had assaulted her as she tried to go to bed.

She did not wish to prosecute for the assault.

Open Door 13-8159 386 Maple Avenue, East August 11 9:36 p.m.

PFC Myers responded for a report of an open door to a business. He searched the business and found nothing amiss.

The business was secured upon his departure.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 13-8162 100 Block Park Street, SE August 12 12:24 a.m.

Officer Tracy observed a traffic violation and conducted a traffic stop. Upon interacting with the driver, he noticed signs of impairment. After failing to complete several field sobriety tests, Officer Tracy arrested Mr. Vernal Hardy, 33, of Artillery Terrace NE in Leesburg, for Driving While Intoxicated.

Mr. Hardy was transported to the Vienna Police Station for an analysis of his breath. Mr. Hardy refused to provide a breath sample.

Mr. Hardy was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Refusal.

Mr. Hardy was to be held until he was sober.

Animal Case 13-8167 200 Block of Windover Avenue, NW August 12 9:15 a.m.

ACO Barker responded to the area for an injured possum. Upon his arrival, he found the possum to be injured with no hope for recovery.

ACO Barker euthanized the possum and transported it to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for disposal.

Found Property 13-8284 Vienna Shopping Center 136 Maple Avenue, West August 12 12:00 p.m.

A citizen located a wallet in the parking lot of the shopping center.

The wallet will be held at the Vienna Police Station until the owner can pick it up.

#### Assist EMS 13-8174 600 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW

#### August 12 12:48 p.m.

A citizen called the police because he received a text that his girlfriend had overdosed on pills. PFC Lyons responded to the residence. A family member advised that the girlfriend had just left.

Fairfax County police located her at the boyfriend's residence and reported that she was okay.

Telephone Case 13-8179 400 Block West Street, NW August 12 3:11 p.m.

A resident reported that he was receiving threatening text messages from his ex-girlfriend's current boyfriend.

PFC Lyons responded and advised him of his options.

Suspicious Event 13-8195 1000 Block Moorefield Hill Grove, SW August 13 6:30 a.m.

A resident reported that his juvenile daughter was out walking the dog when an adult male stopped his vehicle and stepped out to talk to her. The man asked her to be friends with him and gestured towards his vehicle. She said no and walked away.

MPO Seitz responded to the area but was unable to locate the man or his vehicle.

Lost Property 13-8210 Pennywise Thrift Shop 146 Church Street, NE August 13 12:26 p.m.

A woman reported that she lost her purse in the store while shopping.

Police Service 13-8214 300 Block Glyndon Street, SE August 13 2:15 p.m.

A woman located ammunition while cleaning the home of her recently deceased mother.

The ammunition will be held in the Vienna Police Department's property room until it can be properly destroyed.

Suspicious Event 13-8216 Mr. Wash 540 Maple Avenue, West August 13 3:46 p.m.

A man reported that his 9 year old nephew had been struck by one of the vehicles exiting the car wash.

PFC Lyons responded along with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue. They found that the 9 year old was okay and did not appear to have been struck. Witnesses advised that they did not believe the boy had been struck.

Car wash employees advised they have been having problems with the uncle waxing cars in their parking lot and refusing to leave when asked to do so. Shortly before the uncle called the police, employees had asked the uncle to leave and an argument ensued when the uncle refused to leave.

PFC Lyons advised the uncle that he was not allowed on the property. The uncle left without incident.

Arrest - ABC Violation 13-8235 800 Block Maple Avenue, East August 14 12:01 a.m.

MPO Shaver observed a vehicle driving erratically. He initiated a traffic stop and detected the odor of alcohol coming from the driver. The driver performed poorly on sobriety tests, but a breath test showed that she was under the point of intoxication.

MPO Shaver charged Ms. Bethzabe Jane Rother, 18, of Idylwood Court in Falls Church, with Underage Possession of Alcohol. Ms. Rother was released on a summons.

Ms. Rother's mother responded to the scene to take Ms. Rother and her passengers home.

Shoplifting 13-8261 Walgreen's 225 Maple Avenue, East August 14 1:50 p.m.

An employee advised that a subject had stolen two cartons of cigarettes and fled the store without paying.

This case is being investigated.

Lost Property 13-8263 100 Block Branch Road, SE August 14 2:38 p.m.

A citizen advised he lost his wallet in this area.

#### **Assault 13-8307**

**CVS** 

#### 337 Maple Avenue, East

#### August 14 10:00 p.m.

An employee reported that a customer had become upset at having to wait for her prescription. She ultimately threw her pen at the employee and pushed him as she exited the store.

The employee did not wish to pursue charges at the time of the report.

## Noise Violation 13-8272 300 Block Owaissa Road, SE

August 14 11:07 p.m.

MPO Sheeran responded to the area for a report of a loud party. Upon his arrival, he located several teenagers. Some had been drinking underage.

Parents were contacted and the party's attendees were sent home.

#### **ABC Violation 13-8275**

#### **Nutley Street at Kingsley Road, SW**

August 15 12:29 a.m.

MPO Sheeran conducted a traffic stop. He found one of the vehicle's juvenile passengers had been drinking at a house party (see related case number 13-8272).

MPO Sheeran contacted the juvenile's mother to pick up her son. MPO Sheeran counseled the juvenile about his underage drinking.

Embezzlement 13-8291 Physiotherapy Associates 501 Church Street, NE August 15 12:44 p.m.

An employee reported that money was missing from their safe.

This case is being investigated.

Animal Complaint 13-8301 Westwood Country Club 800 Maple Avenue, East August 15 6:15 p.m.

MPO Simon responded to the area for a sick raccoon. Upon arrival, he located the raccoon and found its condition to be poor.

MPO Simon euthanized the raccoon and properly disposed of its body.

## **CRASHES**

#### **311 Maple Avenue, West 13-8101**

#### August 09 at 3:52 p.m.

A vehicle was legally parked in a parking spot. An unknown vehicle struck the parked vehicle.

The driver of the striking vehicle failed to stop and leave information at the scene.

# Nutley Street near Courthouse Road, SW 13-8258 August 14 at 12:12 p.m.

Two in line vehicles were traveling in the right lane of northbound Nutley Street nearing the intersection with Courthouse Road.

The vehicle in front slowed to allow a vehicle to merge in front of it. The driver of the second vehicle failed to see the first vehicle slowing. The second vehicle rear ended the first vehicle.

The driver of the second vehicle was charged with Following Too Close.

# Center Street at Maple Avenue, East 13-8283 August 15 9:40 a.m.

A driver was stopped northbound on Center Street at the red light with Maple Avenue. As the driver was looking left to wait for traffic to clear so he could turn right onto Maple Avenue, a bicyclist legally entered the crosswalk to continue traveling westbound on Maple Avenue.

The driver began to turn right without seeing the bicyclist. The bicyclist was struck.

The driver was charged with Failure to Yield to a Pedestrian.

# **MEDIA RELEASES**

None.

# **CASE UPDATES**

From the July 12, 2013 Vienna Police Highlights:

Grand Larceny 13-06150, 13-06159 Brooke Rental Center 321 Mill Street, NE Between May 11 at 1:00 p.m. and June 06 at 1:00 p.m.

An employee reported that a male and female had rented a tow behind smoker/grill. The individuals stated the grill was to be used for a Mother's Day picnic and it would be returned on May 13, 2013. The individuals left with the grill and a short time later the male returned and rented a second grill.

The employee stated that May 13, 2013 arrived and the grills had not been returned. He attempted to contact the individuals using the telephone number they had provided on the rental agreement however the number was no longer in use. He also sent a letter to the address on the rental agreement informing them that if the grills were not returned the police would be contacted.

This case is being investigated.

#### **Case Update:**

On August 09, 2013, Officer Tracy responded to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center to serve a felony warrant for Fraudulent Removal of Leased Property on Ms. Brenda Brewer, 62, of Jackies Lane in Alexandria.

Ms. Brewer was held on no bond.

# **CASE UPDATES** (Cont.)

From the August 26, 2011 Vienna Police Highlights:

Prescription Fraud 11-14039 Walgreen's Pharmacy 225 Maple Avenue, East August 20 5:49 p.m.

An employee reported that a female customer entered the store and presented a fraudulent prescription. While waiting for the prescription to be "filled" the woman shoplifted several items of clothing.

The woman had left the store upon the arrival of officers.

This case is still being investigated.

#### **Case Update:**

On August 15, 2013, Ms. Alicia Garcia, 28, of Pine Ridge Lane in Germantown, MD was taken into custody at the Anne Arundel County Detention Center in Annapolis, MD by Detective Elias.

MPO Evans transported Ms. Garcia from the Vienna Police Station to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where a warrant for Failure to Appear on a Felony Charge (Prescription Fraud) was served.

Ms. Garcia was held on no bond.

# **OF INTEREST / CITIZEN NOTES**

Note to citizens – Recently there have been reports of callers claiming to be law enforcement officials. The callers claim that the resident is wanted and if payment is not received the police will respond to their home and arrest them. The payment is usually requested in the form of a prepaid debit card. This type of call is a scam. Never send a payment unless you have verified the validity of the caller.

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Citizens are reminded to PLEASE call and report suspicious activity. Even if you choose not to provide your name or other personal information, we still need your help as extra eyes and ears in the community.

# See or Hear Something? Say Something! We *WANT* to be Bothered! Call 9-1-1.

Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information on any of these cases at glose@viennava.gov or 703-255-6396.